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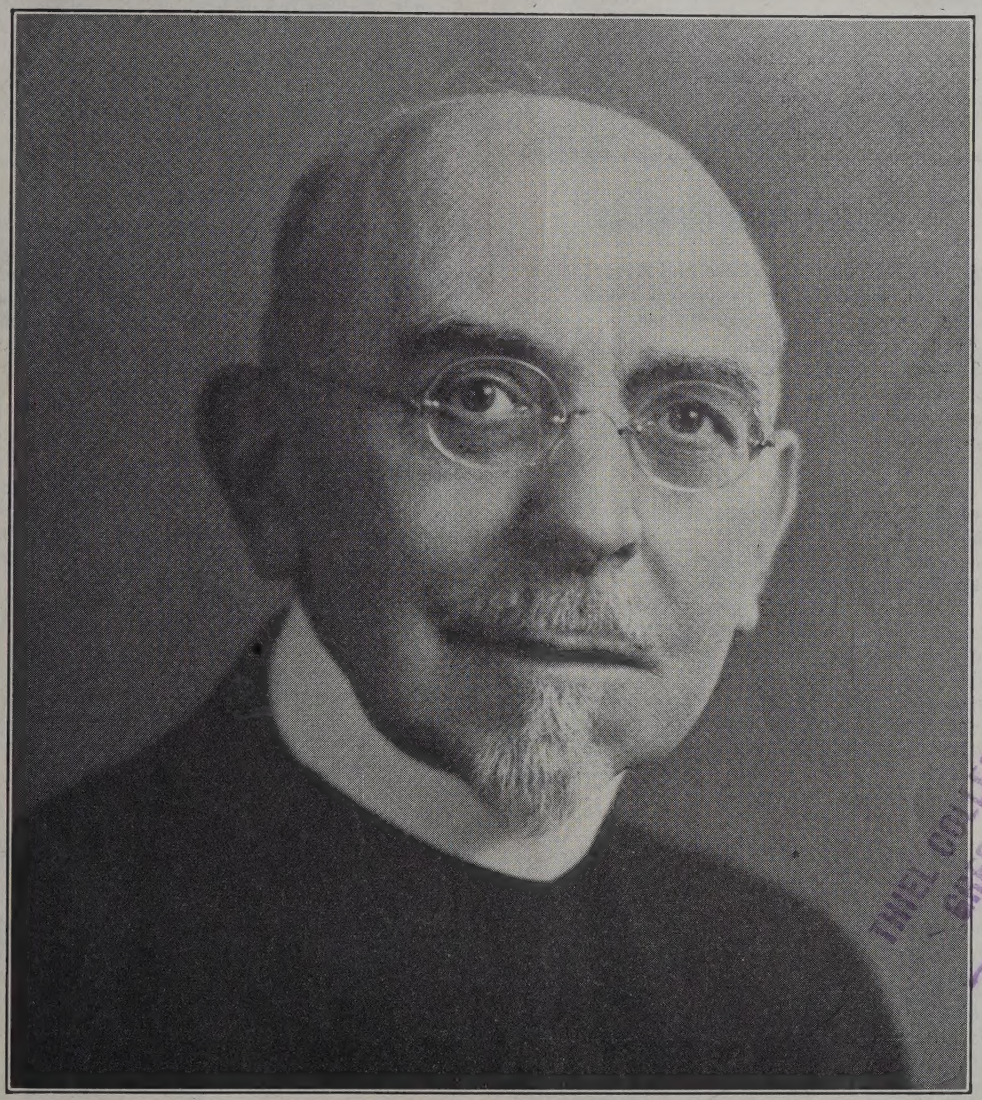

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The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

"Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common folks like you and me,
Are builders of eternity?
To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, and a book of rules;
And each must make, 'ere life is flown,
A stumbling block, or a stepping stone."
Anon.

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¶ **The editor is not like the immortal Sheriff of Nottingham,** who

"—never made one mistake—
I'd like to, for variety's sake."

In fact, no editor is expected to be that good. The business of editing involves so much variety that in the very nature of the case there is plenty of room for mistakes. One desire overshadows all others in the heart of the editor of a church paper. It is the desire that the readers trust his motives. No matter how mistaken he may be in any single item of fact or fancy, it is the editorial ideal that the reader may say, "Well, he made a slip there, but he isn't a bad fellow at heart."

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When James McNeill Whistler got off a particularly good bon mot, Oscar Wilde turned to the great painter and said, "I wish I had said that." "Don't worry, Oscar," answered Whistler, "you will!"

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¶ **A lot of us look at prayer as Willie did.** He went to visit his farmer uncle and was much taken with one of the colts. Not knowing anything about the value of such an animal he said, "Uncle, please give me that brown colt." "Why, Willie," said his uncle, "that is a valuable colt and I could not afford to give you that but if you want a colt very badly why don't you pray for one? Whenever I want anything very badly I always pray for it." "All right, Uncle," said Willie, "suppose you give me this colt and pray for another for yourself." It is hard, somehow, to be as sure of God as we are sure of what we can hold in our hands. Faith in the unseen seems so much less practical than faith in the seen.

"A has-been is half brother to an ex-spurt."

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¶ **"Behaviour disorders" and "neurotic conflicts" say some of our latest and most modern child psychologists are often the result of a lack of mothering.** Now isn't that a comfort to the doting grandmothers and their husbands! Here we have been repressing our natural instincts to spoil the next after the next generation, for fear of the dire consequences promised by the child specialists, and we discover we are endangering the whole life of our grandchildren. Hereafter we will repress no more, but on the next invasion of our children's homes we will carry bags of candy, pockets full of toys, and be prepared to satisfy every least desire of our grandchildren. Of course we'd been doing it anyhow!

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We can not serve God and mammon; but we can serve God with mammon.
—Robert E. Speer.

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¶ **"Forgive us our Christmases" prayed the little fellow according to Henry F. Milans as reported in The Ansgar Lutheran.** Considering the way in which most of us celebrate Christmas there is need for some forgiveness. We trespass against the fundamental of any Christmas, that each gift be a gift of grace. Trading gifts is a denial of the very heart of Christmas, for Jesus is a gift in all the meaning of the word. Our best service, our warmest love, can not repay God for giving us the Lord. If our gifts are to share the spirit of Christ, they too must be real gifts, gifts that spring out of love. Gifts to the Church and to the missions and charities of the Church are like that. Gifts to the needy who can not return in like value; gifts to those we love that have no thought for the value of gifts received from them, are real gifts of grace. Love itself is a gift and does not trespass upon the spirit of Christmas. The little fellow prayed more wisely than he knew: "forgive us our Christmases!"

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Father (facetiously)—"Don't you think our son gets his intelligence from me?"
Mother (likewise)—"He must have. I've still got mine."

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¶ **Did you ever pity the boy who received a bicycle for Christmas?** No, he did not live in Florida, but in New York. The selection of gifts for the little folks ought to take a great many things into consideration, including the possibility of immediate use. George W. was a small boy who received three gifts one Christmas, a sled, an air rifle and a diary. Nature contributed a typical northern New York blizzard. That was my home country too, and it seems only yesterday that I was rubbing a little spot on the frosted window so I could peek out at the swirling snow drifting across the yard. But to get back to the other little boy—he had wanted snow, but not too much snow. The following is the quotation from his diary and if he didn't do any better keeping a diary than I did, it might well stand for the entire year:

December 26th—Snow so hard they woodn't let me take my sled out.

December 27th—Still snowing. Can't go out neether.

December 28th—Still snowing. Shot grandma.

Said Uncle Eben, "De reason some of us don't get along is dat we sits down dreamin' of automobiles, when we orter be a pushing wheelbarrers."

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¶ **The charitable institutions of America are fourth in the value of their assets.** The order in which our leading property owners are listed is as follows: 1. Agriculture, 2. Railroads, 3. Public Utilities, 4. Charitable Institutions. These last represent 3% of our national wealth and are supported by 1½% of our annual income. These facts were gleaned from one of the weekly radio talks by Mr. Cameron of the Ford Motor Company. Let there be no shadow of doubt as to the interest America takes in her misfortunate citizens. We have much good neighborliness. Let us also remember that the Church supplies the largest part of the income and the workers of these institutions. Charity is the fruit of Christianity.

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"A woman," says a news item, "is a person who can hurry through a drug store aisle fifteen inches wide without brushing against the piled-up tinware and then drive home and knock off one of the doors of a twelve-foot garage."

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¶ **On another page we are devoting space to the Wittenberg College campaign.** This appeal is so vital to the future of Wittenberg that it deserves the interest, prayers and gifts of lovers of the Lutheran Church. Wittenberg is my alma mater. Prof. J. P. Schneider who gave me my first encouragement and guidance in writing is still heading the English department. Most of the faculty of my day have gone on. I have always been thankful not only to the fine Christian men and women who taught, but to the broadening associations in the student body of those days. That was before the merger and at Wittenberg boys and girls came from both General Council and General Synod churches. There we young folks merged our Lutheranism ten years before the U.L.C.A. was born. Under President Tulloss' leadership, with unanimous support of alumni and friends may the appeal succeed.

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"Mrs. Jones was outspoken at Ladies' Aid today?"
"I can't believe it. Who did it?"

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¶ **President Knubel has been a constant source of encouragement to the Brotherhood movement in general and to the editor of** LUTHERAN MEN **in particular.** His willingness to take time and energy for a special word of Christmas greeeting is deeply appreciated. Read it carefully. Apply it very personally. It comes from a great heart. It reaches for response to your heart.

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Sergeant (after war game)—Private Bjones, didn't you realize you were exposing yourself to an imaginary enemy only 250 yards away? Private Bjones—That's all right, Sergeant, I was standing behind an imaginary rock 25 feet high.

—Pathfinder.

¶ **During October a series of two-day seminars were held in the following cities, Des Moines, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha, Rockford, Fargo and Toledo.** Representatives of the Missouri Synod, The American Lutheran Conference and the U.L.C.A. were leaders. On another page we carry a first-hand report by one who participated. Such conferences are hopeful for the future unity of the Church if they do not degenerate into theological controversy. The fellowship, the interchange of ideas, the discussion of methods of work, and the acceptance of joint projects of service, these are the lines which movements for Lutheran unity ought to take. The subject for the evening open forum was "Entering the Open Doors Which Crisis Conditions Today Create." What tremendous possibilities are bound up in a discussion like that.

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Mistress: Have you finished cleaning the brass ornaments yet?

Maid (sore about something): Yes, ma'am, all except your rings and bracelets.

—Watchword.

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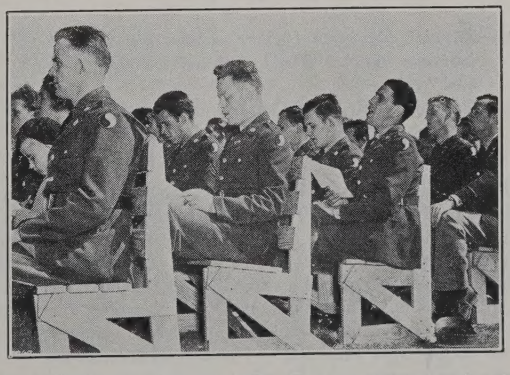
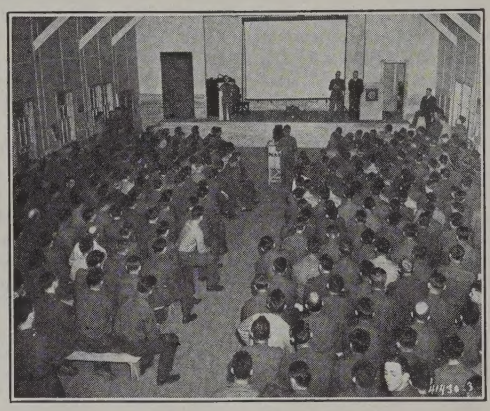
¶ **The policy of the government in regard to chaplains' duties has greatly changed since the first World War.** Then the variety of duties left far too little time for real pastoral service. I served as a camp pastor under the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare during that war and had more than one chaplain tell me that he would like to be as free to be a pastor to the men. They were sometimes postmasters, they were morale officers, they conducted educational work, they supervised recreation and they did almost anything that was no other officer's duty. Now they are expected to be pastors first. Through the courtesy of Chaplains Ensrud and Frommhagen of the Chief Chaplain's Headquarters I have been permitted to read a number of the mimeographed letters from Chief Chaplain Arnold to the chaplains. Spiritual emphasis best describes the policy of the government. We were also permitted to print the accompanying pictures with the credit line "Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps."



Singing a hymn at the Easter Service,—April 13th, 1941—29th Division—Fort Geo. G. Meade, Maryland. (Submitted by Chaplain F. C. Reynolds.)



Sunday evening service in the Second Armored Division recreation building. Division Chaplain Roy L. Parker is in charge. Fort Benning, Georgia—March 1941. *More than* 500 *present. From Ch. Shirre. Songs thrown on screen.*

How is this for a Sunday evening service? It drew over five hundred men and that is the regular thing at Fort Benning, Ga.

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"Where did you absorb those principles of yours—at your mother's knee?"
"No, over my father's."

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¶ **Books for Christmas presents have many advantages.** We know a church school class of women that each December secures a number of books from the Publication House and takes orders on them not only from the class but generally in the congregation. One of the very latest offerings is *The Keeper of the King's Inn* by Rev. Robert Harris Gearhart, ("Bob" to hundreds of Pennsylvania University students). Dr. Gearhart has a genius for work with young people and knows their language. However, this little Christmas story of the love and loyalty of a people through generations of hardship and privation is written for all ages. It would make an ideal Christmas gift. It costs 75c.

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Tourist (to irate farmer, whose pig he had just run over): "Sir, I will replace your animal."
Farmer: "Sir, you flatter yourself."

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¶ **The Luther League Review for November is, as always, a credit both to editor and publisher.** The printing is beautifully done, the artistic work of our old friend, John George Kurzenknabe. This issue has particular interest for Luther Leaguers in uniform and for their families and friends. The names of all service men are listed and several pages of pictures show what a fine looking lot of young men they are. The roll is introduced by a heart-warming personal message to the boys from President Al Schaediger. Lutheran men will be interested in borrowing this issue from the younger members of the family for a look-see!

"Funny," said one ear to the other, "we never met before, when I live just around the block."

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¶ **A group of conscientious objectors recently won grudging admiration from some of our leading newspaper editors by accepting service in England,** where they will aid in rescuing victims of bombings and in rebuilding damaged homes. It seems to have been a surprise to some of these editorial writers that the CO's were not cowards. God help us in America if we ever get to the place where we can not admire the man who is willing to suffer for his convictions, even when we think he is wrong.

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"I met our new minister on my way to Sunday-school, mother," said Willie, "and he asked me if I ever played marbles on Sunday." "What did you answer?" asked mother. "I simply said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan!' and walked off and left him," was the triumphant response.

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¶ **Will democracy work?** Perhaps it would be well to ask whether we have a democracy in America? Technically we have a representative government in form, but we hope, a democratic government in spirit. Theoretically the people rule. However, mass opinion is subject to propaganda. The administration does not hesitate to accept a prophetic role and to influence public opinion by every art known to propaganda. The *New York Times* estimates that "information service," another name for propaganda agencies, of the government departments and bureaus will spend $10,000,000 this year in helping you and me and our neighbors to make up our minds. There is now an army of 1500 publicity artists employed for this purpose and variously classified as reporters, clerks, poets, psychologists, cartoonists, song writers, playwrights and novelty purveyors. We are reminded of the words of President Wilson, "A free people are not children to be humored, cajoled or lollypopped with half truths for fear the whole truth will frighten them." Perhaps it is too dangerous for the common people to be given unvarnished facts and permitted to think for themselves. Or is it?

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"When I lost all I had kept,
And spent all that I had,
I still had all I gave away,
Which isn't half so bad."

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¶ **The India Centennial in 1942 must not be shoved aside as a matter of option no matter how pressing our other needs as a Church.** The possibilities of this festival reach far beyond the usual limits of an anniversary. Think of India against the background of Asiatic and world conditions. Look again at India, more closely, and see the eager trend toward Christianity on the part of great areas of her population. India will play an increasingly important part in the rebuilding of the post-war world. Will that part be pagan or Christian? If we take advantage of our centennial opportunity the stage is set for a great leap forward in our India Church. It will march rapidly on not only in the numbers won to Christ, but in ability to become self-supporting. Give an ear to the appeal of our Foreign Board this Epiphany. The $50,000 asked will be a fine investment for Christ.

Husband—"It is a strange thing, but true, that the biggest fools have the most beautiful wives."
Wife—"Oh, you flatterer!"—Judge.

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¶ **The place of Herbert Hoover in American and world history must not be forgotten because of political considerations.** There will always be differences of opinion as to his rating among American presidents, but as one of the really great Christian humanitarians, his name will live. The following quotation from a recent radio address should be read with sympathy even by those who do not agree as to the practicability of a feeding program for the victims of war. Certainly a great heart is speaking and Americans should be stirred to do anything that can be done to feed the hungry. Is not this the Christian role for America to play?

"Is the Allied cause any further advanced today as a consequence of this starvation of children? Are Hitler's armies any less victorious than if those children had been saved? Are Britain's children better fed today because these millions of former Allied children have been hungry or died? Can you point to one benefit that has been gained from this holocaust? Isn't it time that we realized these attitudes cannot be continued if our own spiritual life is not to be spoiled? . . .If it is practical to feed captive British soldiers, is it not practical to feed captive women and children who do not have the ration of the German soldier (as the British prisoners do)? The blockade has been relaxed for Sweden. The Swedes occupy a position where all governments are solicitous for their political attitudes. They are today allowed to pass needed supplies from American ports through the blockade. But by what logic or humanity can neutrals be given supplies and peoples who have fought and died in the Allied cause be discriminated against?"

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"Man wants but little here below,
And you can bet,
Till living prices lower go,
That's what he'll get."

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¶ **When I was a boy there were two pictures that were often hung on the walls of the homes of the neighborhood.** They were lithographed, usually the illustration for a calendar, sometimes nicely framed, but always interesting to me. Both were titled "Rock of Ages." Both showed a great rock in the midst of a stormy sea, and on the rock a large stone cross. In one, a woman holds fast with both arms to the arms of the cross. She has found refuge from the storm. In the other, a man holds to the cross with one hand but with the other is drawing to safety a fellow victim of the storm. Both pictures have their rich meaning, but I like to think of that second picture in the terms of the saving business of a saved soul. "Saved to serve" is the Christian's motto. If we are not interested in bringing others to the cross I wonder if we have ever really found the cross for ourselves?

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Jimmie—Elsie went to an astrologer to find out when was the best time to get married.
Alvin—What did he tell her?
Jimmie—He took one look at her and told her to grab the first chance.

¶ **Pension time is here again.** We have bungled the business of pensions pretty badly in the U.L.C.A. I do not mean any indictment of the Board itself, for in spite of losses in the depression, the Board did as well, or better, than the average property owner. We have bungled as a Church, in that we have permitted our meager pensions to add to a mounting deficit. And we are doing nothing but wait till Louisville to devise some other plan, or revitalize the old plan. I am still thinking in the terms of a contributory system that will not be protected by a huge reserve, drawing doubtful interest, but will be protected only by the good faith of the Church. However, Lutheran men can do one thing now, send in a Christmas gift to the Board to be used to brighten the Christmas of some of the needier members of the pension family. Do it today. Address: The Board of Ministerial Pensions, 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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The dentist was showing excessive impatience with his patient. "Stop waving your arms and making faces, sir! Why, I haven't even touched your tooth!"
"I know you haven't," retorted the patient, "but you're standing on my corn!"

—Clipped.

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¶ **Must it be a "shooting war?"** So it seems at this writing. Our leaders still disclaim any purpose to send another A.E.F. abroad. But war is like fire. It is easy to kindle a small blaze and hope to keep it confined in restricted limits. Once kindled, it becomes a monster of destruction. We must be sure that it is Christ's way for America before we enter any plan of action. It may be that war is a last resort, in our evil world a necessary evil. Are we yet sure of that? Is it too late for America to seek a way out of war and into peace?

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"Church members can be classified as follows: wishbones, who are always wishing that somebody else would do something; jawbones, who do all the criticizing; and backbones, who get under the load and carry it along."

—Living Church.

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¶ **Full membership in the Federal Council was the subject of an editorial last month.** It was also discussed in the Presidents' Conference and in the Executive Board. A committee of the latter was appointed to study the whole matter, including other problems of relationship. It is good to know consideration is being given to this question and we may expect that time for discussion can be given at the Louisville convention. These are times that try the Christian Church. Even more trying times will come after the war. We face a world in which either Nazism or Communism will have to be met. Can the Christian churches afford to miss any opportunity of cooperative action?

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He (with hands over her eyes): If you can't guess who it is in three guesses, I'm going to kiss you.
She: Jack Frost; Davy Jones; Santa Claus.

—Pointer.

¶ **America is becoming a piece of defense machinery, or, if you will, a vast plant in which the machinery and munitions of war are made.** No one has yet counted the sacrifice involved. The direct loss of war is not by any means the most serious loss. Generations to come will be paying for our defense effort. Present generations are taken from the productive business of normal times and meshed like gears into the machinery of destruction. How many community tasks must be left undone? How many children will be cheated of that which should be their right? How much sacrifice of culture, education, and religion is being made? If we could know just where America would be if there had been no scare of war, we could see just what is being lost. But it is criminal to demand unnecessary sacrifices. What must be done, America will do in order to preserve the freedom of her people. Christians in America should have the vision to see the essentials that must not give way before so-called defense priorities. We must keep our churches running full time, expanding their programs rather than contracting them. We must support more fully our evangelistic effort, the Church must grow in extent as it grows in inner strength. We must support our educational and charitable institutions. The rising cost of living must not be allowed to menace the spiritual life of America. The Church is an essential if we are really defending democracy.

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"What" said the young and sweet Sunday school teacher, "is the lesson to be learned from the parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins?" The class, also young and sweet, answered together, "That we should always be on the look-out for a bridegroom."

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¶ **President Marts of Bucknell University has some very pertinent things to say in a recent issue of Christian Education.** He spoke of the general tone of the inaugural addresses of college presidents he had heard. "The matters to which these educational leaders give their enthusiasm, their solemn pledge, their utmost endeavor, are important considerations, to be sure, such as academic freedom, higher standards of scholarship, more effective measures of counseling, the development of vocational training, new plans for housing, increased income and like considerations. All these are of vital necessity in the life of the college," Dr. Marts observed, "but all of them should be the means toward a greater end rather than the ends in themselves." This end he stated in these words, "to bring the minds of a generation of educated youth into the unselfish service of their fellow men, and under the obedient dominion of a living and loving God." Lutheran men should insist that this end receive primary consideration in the colleges they support. We do not want imitation state universities masquerading under the name of the Church. We want colleges that believe that no matter how high they rank in scholarship, athletics, or the arts of social life, they have no reason for being unless they are cultivating Christian attitudes in the hearts of their students.

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"Some people are always wiring urgently to heaven for a cargo of blessings, but are never at the wharf to unload them." F. B. Meyer.

¶ **"The Bible itself grows increasingly dear to our hearts.** In our love for that book we increasingly value the work of the American Bible Society. Whoever understands the increasing importance of that Society amid daily turmoil in the world will desire through the *Bible Society Record* to keep in intimate association with its work." This tribute to the Society and to its monthly magazine is by our own Dr. Knubel. Those who contribute $1 or more per year receive the *Record.* Address: *Bible Society Record,* Park Ave. and 57th St., New York City. December 14th is Universal Bible Sunday. It is not a day set apart for special offerings, but rather for the spread of information about the Bible Society and its work, Lutheran men would find a great deal of interest to them in the *Record.* Certainly the men of the Church of the open Bible will be deeply interested in every effort to place Bibles in hands of every human being, and in his own language.

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"On the side of the critics is learning,
And doubt has a scholarly sing,
But to babes of old did the Lord unfold,
Full many a hidden thing."

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¶ **Ninety years old and still active in Brotherhood work at First Church, Richmond, Indiana.** This is the record of Mr. Adam H. Bartel. He was invited to attend the Federation convention in Chicago in November, but declined in favor of a younger delegate. What fine memories a man has who can look back on many years of active service for Christ and His Church.

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"I don't look 30, do I, dear?"
"Not any more, you don't."

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¶ **Promotion for the fall of 1942 will be devoted to a follow-up of the celebration of the Muhlenberg-Heyer anniversaries planned for the Louisville Convention, if recommendations of the Executive Board are accepted by the Church.** Delegates will be assigned the duty of carrying back to the churches the information and inspiration of the convention, as well. It sounds like a very workable plan.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

By Rev. William E. Crouser, D.D.

Dr. Crouser is one of those who heeded the advice of Greeley, "Go west, young man, go west." He was born and educated and served his first parish in New York State, but has spent the greater part of his life in California, where he is the popular pastor of Grace Church, San Jose. His son is pastor of First Church, Sacramento. This poem turned up in the editor's scrap-book and invited itself into the Christmas number of Lutheran Men. Thank you, Dr. Crouser!

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo."
Hark, 'tis the angel's song we hear,
As in their joy they sing again
The song we hold so dear.
O'er hill and vale, o'er plain and glen,
They sing their song of cheer to men,
As when of old the wondrous light
Shone o'er the shepherds in the night,
And heaven to earth drew near."

President Knubel's Christmas Greeting--To You!

A Great Christmas!

To the Brotherhood, to all the men of our Church I wish a great Christmas. What is Christmas? A child in a manger who is God, and a host of angels singing to men the praise of God. That is the great all of the Holy Night. Therein is the solution of my life, the rich possibility of the Brotherhood, the voice of peace to the crashing waves of the warring nations. If the glory of it possesses me I shall have a great Christmas.

A child Who is God. How contradictory yet wonderfully harmonious that is. He comes that I may call Him Father, that I may become His child. Strangely He, my God, becomes a child to me, so that He may be my Father. He comes, a God Whom at Christmas I can take into my arms, so that at last His everlasting arms can be underneath me. I know now that to be childlike is to be Godlike, that unless I become as a little child I cannot enter His Kingdom. I know even more. It will be a great Christmas day if I recall that it had no end. He came to stay as a childlike reality in my busy daily life. Sometimes I, though His child, forget the presence of God, sometimes I remember that He is with me alway. The continued real presence of Him I do not see, of His almighty righteousness, of His Holy beauty around and in my daily life, will lose its alarming mystery, will grow attractive when I remember that it possesses the mystery and the attractiveness of a child.

A child Who is God. Somehow among religious days Christmas seems to hold particular attraction for *men*. This may be true merely because of memories of boyhood's Christmas days, but more likely it is because men are impressed with the significance of fatherhood as manifested in the Christmas story. Without stopping to analyze the idea I believe that Christian men are gripped by the central unselfishness in the meaning of Christmas. God so loved that He gave His Son. The central selfishness of men is thereby deeply rebuked and repressed. The men of the Church, the Brotherhood of the Church, have set before themselves noble ideals, great objectives. They know these cannot become practical realities excepting as great unselfishness of soul works them out. The unselfishness of God at Christmas prompts men to sacrifice. Even more is true about unselfishness in the Christmas message. We do for others so constantly in the selfish expectation of returns to ourselves. When we do for a child we look for nothing in return. We are brought closer to the ideal of unselfishness, even though in fact a child gives back richly to our lives. So men give to children at Christmas and above all, like the wise men, give themselves to the child who is God on His giving day and carry Him away in their hearts. A great increase of unselfishness among the men of the Brotherhood of the Church will mean a better approach to their objectives, will mean a great Christmas.

A child Who is God. Many chaplains of all nations from old World War days tell of Christmas truces in No Man's Land. In this war I know that a serious effort was made last Christmas to bring about completely such a truce. It had some effect for there was a notable calm. Even the hatreds of men hide in shame on His day Who is the unselfish Prince of Peace. The prophet called Him rightly the Desire of All Nations. It can be a great Christmas for us this year amid turbulent war if our hearts are trusting deeply the child who is God. Some philosopher has said that every child born into the world is an assurance that God has not utterly given up humanity. Who knows but that some childlike heart is today spreading a divine message that will suddenly bring peace? Can you believe that? Can you believe that the continued real presence of the child who is God has long been busy with deep preparedness for these years in the souls of men in all nations? When we think of the ages of preparation for the coming of Christ, when we sing at Christmas "How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given," when we realize that God does not publicize His plans, can we not have a great Christmas even now through faith?

One thing more is needed for a great Christmas. On the Holy Night there was not only a child in a manger who is God but also angels singing the praise of God. We all know the beautiful Advent hymn, "O how shall I receive Thee, how greet Thee, Lord, aright?" The hymn goes on to answer its own question, "My heart, its powers renewing, an anthem shall prepare." That is what I need—like the angels, a song of praise to God in my heart, my own song. Otherwise my Christmas is not complete. Have you ever tried it—your own anthem, your own praise to Him? Never mind poetry. Just as sometimes you have haltingly written to a friend what you think of him, just as a lover tells his bride what she is to him, so ought you express on Christmas to the child who is your God what He is to you and what He has done for you. He welcomes a very ordinary voice and very plain thoughts only so they are your own and you mean them.

We have all heard at times a great chorus of men's voices and have been thrilled. Let us of the Brotherhood throughout the Church unite in our own congregations across the many miles this Christmas. Let us unite in song with the angels of the first Christmas, and like them have a great Christmas.

HELPFUL HINTS TO MEN IN SERVICE

The following hints are beautifully printed on a little folder titled "A Greeting from Your Chaplain" and bearing the imprint of the Service Men's Division of the National Lutheran Council. Your gifts to this cause made possible such folders.

1. *Keep Contact with Your Homes*

Write regularly and keep your parents informed as to yourself and your work. Letters from home will encourage you to "go straight" and aid you in making your career in the Army and Navy a most successful one. An occasional letter to your pastor back home will also be deeply appreciated.

2. *Keep Contact with the Church*

Cultivate the friendship of your chaplain and faithfully attend all the religious services arranged by him for your spiritual welfare. Our government commissions chaplains because it believes every good soldier needs the ministry of the Church. The religious soldier serves his country best and can be relied upon to do his full duty.

3. *Honor the Uniform*

Like the flag it is the symbol of your country. So live and walk that those on the outside will have every respect for all in the military service and be happy and proud to welcome the uniformed men of our Army and Navy at any and all of their gatherings.

4. *Watch Your Personal Appearance*

Establish for yourself a reputation for cleanliness, neatness and military bearing. Thereby you will attract the attention of your superiors and, chances are, that you may be a candidate for promotion. A snappy salute is a sign of good breeding.

5. *Select Your Companions Carefully*

Many a fine young recruit, by getting mixed up with the wrong crowd, has not only ruined his character but also destroyed his soul. Select your friends and companions from among those who attend Sunday School and the Chapel services. Watch out for the "spoilers" in the service.

6. *Live a Morally Clean Life*

It can be done inside as well as outside of the service. God wants you to live a pure and holy life. He gives you the power to do so. By studying His Word and by calling upon Him in prayer you can secure the assistance of heaven and successfully overcome every temptation to impurity. Shun obscene and licentious reading matter and all dirty stories. Keep your military record clean.

7. *Dismiss All Thoughts of Marriage As a Private*

Regulations forbid a soldier to marry. Abide by regulations. Your salary is not adequate to provide for a wife and children. Certainly you would not want the girl you love to suffer want and hunger. Postpone marriage until your income is sufficient to establish and maintain a home.

8. *Be a Courageous Soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ*

Let your buddies know that you are a sincere Christian. Witness for the dear Saviour wherever the opportunity presents itself. Thereby you may win some lost soul for Christ. Carry your New Testament with you and read a portion of it daily. Do not let Satan cut your prayer-line to heaven. Invite and take others with you to Sunday School and Chapel services. Be true to the best Friend you have on earth and He will be true to you and bless you beyond your fondest hopes and expectations.

9. *Ride Some Hobby*

Occupy your spare time in some useful manner. Improve your leisure time by study. For suggestions consult your chaplain. A habit of this kind will prove to be of great personl benefit. Temptations to do wrong pass by the soldier who keeps himself busy doing things worth while.

10. *Learn to Look Upon the Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers As Your Friends*

Carry out their instructions to the letter. The government has placed upon them the responsibility of your training. They are determined to make a good soldier of you and will accomplish their end if you co-operate and have the "makings." Never hold a grudge against any of them. Don't argue with them. Remember, the Army or Navy is built on discipline and could not function without it anymore than the body could function without blood.

11. *Show Initiative*

The service has lots of room for good men who want to move up. Opportunity is afforded to educate yourself and thus prepare yourself for advancement to the higher grades. Many of our non-commissioned officers are now serving in the commissioned ranks. Some of the outstanding officers in both services have moved up from the enlisted ranks. So can you if you are willing to apply yourself.

Chaplain H. J. Rasmussen, 32nd Div., 107th QM Reg., Camp Livingston, Alexandria, La., administering communion to a group of soldiers while on maneuvers. The communion ware and portable altar were provided by the National Lutheran Council.

12. *Don't Gamble or Drink Intoxicating Beverages*

Both practices are harmful to the individual and have ruined many fine young service men. Indulging in either you cannot do your best and you are bound to come to grief sooner or later. The great majority of "army castaways" can trace their downfall to gambling or liquor. You can't be a good soldier or sailor if you are addicted to liquor or spend your time at the gambling table.

13. *Establish for Yourself a Reputation for Good Character*

So live and walk that others will respect you and have every confidence in you and what you say. Always bear in mind that you are a child of God. Walk as such. Talk as such. God will bless you for it.

YOUR CHAPLAINS SALUTE AND GREET YOU

CHAPLAIN NEVE WRITES LUTHERAN MEN

Dear Editor,

Just a line to let you know how things are going out here. Paine Field here continues to grow before our eyes almost from day to day. I have been appointed base chaplain, or post chaplain, being assigned to the group that makes up the original station complement. But, I look after the religious and morale needs of eighteen hundred men. Washington, D.C. announces that there will be thirty-five hundred men here shortly. These will be made up of officers, airplane pilots, airplane mechanics, ground crews, weather observation and signal corps men, etc.

Another chaplain will be sent here shortly, and will be assigned to the wing pursuit group, and may go on maneuvers to Louisiana to support a tank arm of the Second Army.

Congress has allotted the city of Everett $36,300 for a brand new Community Men's Service Club for soldiers and sailors coming into town on furlough or leave, and this will contain the most modern and up-to-date equipment, since the first one made such an instant hit of popularity. Part of my work consists of supervising its activities.

My chaplain office has sponsored a Post Glee Club, and we are on the radio each Thursday night over KRKO Everett at 7:30 P.M. with the program emanating from our present Service Club. The radio announcer announces it as "fine, clean young Americans singing America's most popular songs, and best loved melodies." I have a Metropolitan opera selectee Glee Club director. One of my Jewish selectee lyric poets has written the words to "Flying Soldiers," and my selectee accompanist, an M.A. in music from the University of Iowa, composed the music one foggy night on a hard stretch of guard duty, for the above song. The song is a ditty with a real lilt. We think that it is going to become one of America's coming popular songs because of the expansion that is predicted for the Air Corps. Watch for it, the song, I mean.

It has gotten to be quite popular to belong to our Glee Club. It has thirty-five voices and many more want to join now. My commanding officer is very much enthused about its work and wants us to appear at surrounding bases of our Northwest Second Air Force at Salt Lake City; Boise, Idaho; Pendleton, and Portland, Oregon, McChord Field and Fort Lewis and Spokane. We are to travel by transport plane or reconnaissance government car to these appointments.

But, above all, my Glee Club is tied into my chaplain office, and it will help me with the finest and highest type of sacred music when once we are out of Tent City and into barracks and my chapel is ready for occupancy and it is ready for church services and week day meetings from the beginning to the end of the week.

We have been having especial success of late with church young people's parties at which Paine Field men are especial guests. We have been to Central and First Norwegian Lutheran and St. Paul's of Seattle, and we have been to United Presbyterian and Baptist and Methodist young people's groups. They have proven very popular. I have been impressed with the fine type of Christian young men at Paine Field that are extremely happy to go, and thus maintain their former church contacts that they had at home.

Maybe you want to know whether or not a chaplain is able to do a definite work of religious good. I am afraid that America as a whole is not praying yet for its soldier boys in camp. If the nation were praying, I would be the first to feel it, and there would be many earnest inquirers coming to me. But, last Sunday I did have an inquiry. I conducted a guardhouse service, and I noticed that the sergeant of the guard, a tremendous 200-pounder kept the door open and listened closely to every word that I said to the prisoners. Afterward he came down to my tent—an unusually earnest seeker after salvation through Christ. We had a long conversation, and he was unable to lay hold of salvation, but I am praying that he will be enabled to do so. He wanted salvation desperately and badly and I believe that an earnest seeker such as this will find it. Will you not join me in prayer that he and many others will become heirs of eternal life?

Sincerely,
(Post Chaplain) Herbert T. Neve.
Paine Field, Wash.

PAINE FIELD PARADE GROUND

The chaplain frequently speaks to the men from the same platform used by the athletic director. Puget Sound is just beyond the men where there is a target bombardment range.

INTERSYNODICAL SEMINARS

BY REV. E. E. FLACK, TH.D., D.D.

At the invitation of the editor, Dr. Flack, who took part in the seminars, has written the following account for LUTHERAN MEN. *Dr. Flack is the dean of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio.*

Under the auspices of the American Lutheran Conference, Dr. E. E. Ryden, president, six two-day seminars for pastors were conducted in as many strategic centers in the middle west between October 14 and 22. The places of assembly were: Des Moines, Iowa and St. Paul, Minn., October 14-15; Omaha, Nebr., and Rockford, Ill., October 16-17; Fargo, N.D., and Toledo, O., October 21-22.

Dr. Paul Andreen, of Cokato, Minn., was the general director of the enterprise. The faculty included: Dr. Ralph H. Long, New York City; Rev. S. C. Michelfelder, Toledo, O., and Rev. Theodore Liefeld, Columbus, O., (A.L.C.); Dr. H. J. Glenn, Sioux Falls, S.D., Dr. T. F. Gullixson, St. Paul, Minn., and Rev. A. N. Rogness, Ames, Ia. (U.L.C.A.); Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, Rock Island, Ill. (Aug. Synod); Dr. Edwin C. Moll, Madison, Wis., Prof William Eckert, Maywood, Ill., and Dr. E. E. Flack, Springfield, O. (U.L.C.A.). Two members of the Missouri Synod accepted invitations to deliver addresses, but at the last minute were constrained by their body to withdraw.

Sessions were held on each of the two days from 9 to 12 A.M. and from 2 to 4:30 P.M., with a public mass meeting on the evening of the first day. The program embraced topics of vital interest to pastors. The general theme was: The Lutheran Pastor in American Life. The theme for the first day was: The Call to the Holy Ministry. Special topics treated included: The Spiritual Life of the Pastor, The Pastor as Student, The Pastor as Soul Physician, The Pastor as a Missionary, and The Pastor as a Leader in Church and Community. The topic discussed at the inspirational evening meeting was: Entering the Open Doors which Crisis Conditions Today Create. The general theme for the second day was: The Church and Modern Society. Among the special topics discussed were: The Church and the International Crisis, (a) Our Task Today, and (b) Our Task in the Reconstruction that Must Follow; and The Church and the Economic Crisis, (a) Our Relation to Labor and the Masses and (b) Our Relation to the Unemployed and the Underprivileged.

The purpose of these pastoral gatherings was to provide inspiration and encouragement to pastors under the strain and stress of life today; to afford them an opportunity for the study and discussion of problems of mutual concern; to seek to secure closer co-operation in matters calling for social action; and to endeavor to strengthen the ties of faith and fellowship for a more effective witness to the Gospel.

Registration at some of the centers exceeded one hundred names. Many pastors came great distances to attend. The evening sessions, which were open to the public, were well attended. All those who participated agreed that real benefits were derived from the coming together of pastors from the various large branches of the Lutheran Church.

The spirit of these gatherings was splendid. There was no effort put forth to magnify differences. The pastors who attended were seeking information and fellowship. They concluded that there was need on the part of the ministry for deep soul searching and the discipline of intellectual pursuits in order to meet the heavy demands of the day. The crisis which is upon the world they interpreted as spiritual, demanding a spiritual remedy, a more vigorous proclamation of Law and Gospel. As statistics concerning world conditions were presented to them, they caught a fresh vision of the Church suffering in a world at war; a new sense of the ecumenical character of Lutheranism unencumbered by nationalistic ties; a deeper conception of the crying needs of our mission fields cut off from their home bases; and above all, a firmer faith in the efficacy of the Gospel, of the forgiveness of sins, the power of the crucified and risen Christ to redeem men.

In these seminars stress was placed on the primacy of the material principle of the Reformation, justification by faith, "the doctrine of a standing or falling church." It was agreed that individual and social adjustments are possible only through faith that has its focus in Christ. Lutherans, they felt, have a higher mission today than that of glorying in their historic antecedents. They are under obligations to establish closer comity relations, to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort, and to labor together in the promotion of common social enterprises.

The plan of bringing together pastors of different general bodies of the Church for study and discussion, as carried out so successfully in these intersynodical seminars, is a happy method of promoting mutual understanding and confidence. The same obtains also for the laity of the Church. Fellowship in a common faith finds avenues of wholesome expression. These days demand of Lutherans greater unity in faith and action.

IRON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL NEWS

By Rev. A. Kenneth Hewitt

The boys of Iron Mountain School have done a good job in harvesting the crops. Our new apple storage is full of apples and potatoes after two car loads and several truck loads of apples have been shipped. Farm operations are showing a profit this year.

The boys of our vocational department are very enthusiastic in their shop work which has been made much more interesting with the new power equipment made possible by a gift from the Marion Conference Brotherhood.

Many of our Brotherhoods are becoming more interested in the project plan of our mountain school wherein local and conference groups assume the responsibility of financing some definite items at our school or on our farm. Those groups that have adopted projects have felt greatly benefited by their endeavors.

For the benefit of those that have inquired as to what they can do for the school, the following projects are suggested for the school: bedroom equipment, linoleum rug, linen, towels, books, and magazine subscriptions. For the farm, which operates in support of the school, we need a grain grill, two sets of harness, more registered cattle, hogs, and sheep. Our farm is greatly in need of new fence which costs approximately $1.00 per rod.

It is very likely that your Brotherhood would like to make a definite contribution to this worthy work in the mountains by adopting a project such as some of the above items. The writer will be pleased to correspond with any interested group about this matter.

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions received during October:

Men's Bible Class, St. Mark's Sunday School, China Grove, North Carolina ..... $ 5.00
Brotherhood, Hilltop Evangelical Lutheran Church Columbus, Ohio 10.00
Brotherhood, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania 5.00
Elwood L. Bowman, 641 Croyden Road, Cheltenham, Pa. Two boxes of clothing and comforts 1.00
Louis Hanson, Wilmington, North Carolina One drum Spirrittine wood preservative
George F. Hellick, Easton, Pennsylvania Kitchen utensils, soap, soap powder, cleanser, seed wheat, and seed potatoes.
Women's Missionary Society, St. James' Lutheran Church, Chilhowie, Virginia. Two dozen drinking glasses

Receipts at Brotherhood Headquarters, Bethlehem, Pa. during the period—September 21 — October 20, 1941.

Bethel Lutheran Brotherhood, Bergton, Va. $12.00

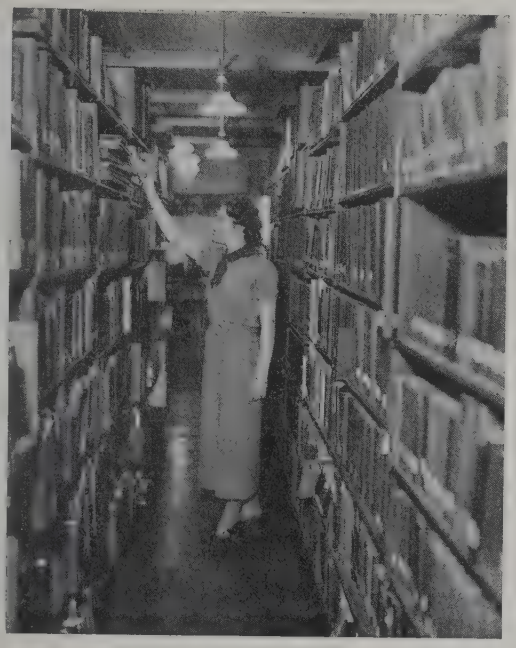
THE WITTENBERG COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

The postponement from year to year by the supporting synods of a serious effort to support the program of expansion of Wittenberg College placed the financial structure of the college in real danger. At last the Synods have acted and since January 1941 the appeal for $1,200,000 has been in progress. The success of this appeal has significance for the whole Church. The colleges of our own Church and of other denominations are watching anxiously from their ramparts, hoping that Wittenberg will go over the top.

A recent anonymous gift from a "grateful Wittenberger" is for $50,000 and applies to the alumni quota of $200,000. The amount pledged by alumni now totals over $112,000. Since not more than 5% of the alumni have been canvassed the remaining $88,000 should be oversubscribed. The main effort of the campaign workers has been directed toward a canvass of the churches in the supporting synods and toward securing some large gifts. The present total of pledges from all sources is $630,000. The campaign in the city of Springfield has not begun, and this with the alumni appeal and some generous gifts of substantial sums should insure success.

President Tulloss and his co-workers have the goodwill and prayers of the Church in their heroic efforts for the future of our largest U.L.C.A. college. Lutheran men can not afford to stand on the side-lines as irresponsible onlookers. The welfare of the whole Church is one with the welfare of each of its institutions.

"There'll Always be a Wittenberg!"



By a recent gift of $50,000 additional stacks (like pictured here) will be erected in new north wing of Zimmerman Library.

Ferncliff is a residence hall for young women at Wittenberg College.

An architectural gem, this astronomical observatory at Wittenberg College is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Elgar Weaver who give an additional $30,000 for the campaign of 1941.

On the upper plateau of the Wittenberg College campus is the Health and Physical Education Building, including natatorium, great auditorium, playing floors, classrooms, clinical laboratories. This is new, modern, constantly useful.

The Executive Secretary's Monthly Message

Mr. Earle W. Bader, 62 East Garrison St., Bethlehem, Pa.

CHRISTMAS IS ETERNAL

The Christmas season is here. The eternal glory of this festival will never fade. Amidst the changing scenes and circumstances we somehow find our selfish pride with its petty shams melting away as we gaze on the Christ-Child lying in the manger. Here is God Himself revealed to us in all of His glory and simplicity.

Your secretary and staff at Brotherhood headquarters join in the prayer that the joys of the blessed Christmas season will abide with you through the coming year.

The author of the following greeting is unknown to us, but its sentiments express our feeling eloquently.

OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING

Loving greetings to our friends and brethren
Under Christmas skies throughout the world!
The Christ-child comes, with joy abiding;
He comes with peace, good-will to men,
Earnest of the Father's love eternal.
Round His manger let us gather
And join the choirs of men and angels!
Noel, Noel!—for Christmas comes again.

Brotherhood, true, eternal, springs from Him.
Rejoice, O brothers, sound His praise abroad!
Our Brother, He, our Saviour, our Security,
Takes upon Himself our weak humanity.
Helpful, sharing, lifting our burdens,
Entreating, pleading, kindly He calls us;
Rich, He shares with us His treasures.
He's our Friend and our Redeemer,
Only He can make us brothers.
O come then, worship, love Him, let Him enter,
Dedicate your lives to His glad service,—
Crown Him King!

WHAT IS THE MATTER?

The following article by Brother W. O. Fiedler, president of the Indiana Synodical Brotherhood appeared in the November issue of the Indiana Synod Bulletin.

We admit there are many weaknesses in the Brotherhood, but the blame does not rest with the Brotherhood program. Like many other good things in the Church, we have never given our Brotherhood objectives a trial. At each Brotherhood convention we listen to inspirational addresses on our great objectives but instead of becoming an incentive for *action*, too often we applaud the sentiments of the speaker and then return home and forget about the matter entirely.

The purpose of the Brotherhood is certainly not the organization of our men and the collection of dues to build a great national organization merely as such. Our membership dues and literature, and even Lutheran Men are only a means toward an end.

On every Brotherhood charter we find the motto "Organization for Service" meaning that we must be about our Father's business.

"What is the matter with the Brotherhood? Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the Lutheran Church today needs—not fewer "Church-men" but infinitely more "Christ-men." Let each member of the Brotherhood make a prayerful self-examination to determine what is the matter with ourselves. The result can only disclose that *we*, and *not* the Brotherhood, have failed.

As we begin a new year of service for the Master, let us resolve by the help of God we will henceforth be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

"What's the matter with our Lutheran Brotherhood? It seems to lack power. It's almost dead!" So spoke a prominent laymen of our Synod to a pastor not so many days ago. The remark is startling because it contains so much truth. Why this lack of power? Why this deadness? Is it because organization is lacking? Are there no worthwhile aims to which to set the heart and efforts of men?

To Win The Unsaved For Christ—This primary objective of the Brotherhood assumes new importance when it is realized that over one-third of the people living in America have not been touched by God's saving grace. Every third business man you meet, every third mechanic in your shop, every third farmer down the road is not a forgiven, but a lost, sinner. And what is being done about it? How many Brotherhoods have a definite program for winning the unsaved for Christ? How often is it discussed in your Brotherhood meeting? Christ, the great Head of the Church said—"All power is given unto . . . Go ye therefore and make disciples of all men . . ." And His power will not be transferred to the Brotherhood or its membership until there is a serious endeavor to win the unsaved for Christ.

Bring Back The Lapsed Members—This is another worthy objective in view of the fact that there are so many on every congregational roll who have not attended services or partaken of the Lord's Supper in over five years. The statistics of the Indiana Synod reveal a confirmed membership of a little over twenty thousand but a communicant membership of thirteen thousand. Seven thousand inactive members or 35% of each congregation are active. What have your Brotherhood and the men on your church council done to regain these losses? Your group will be powerless and lack life until it exercises an active concern for these fellow-members.

Increase The Attendance Of Men At Church Services—Figures recently revealed by the National Lutheran Council indicate that only four out of every ten members of the United Lutheran Church are in their pews for the service on the average Sunday. Accordingly four out of every ten members of the Brotherhood attend services with any degree of regularity. There is certainly much room for improvement and increased attendance at church services on the part of the men of the church as a pre-requisite of power. The spiritual life of the men of the church must feed regularly upon the riches of God's truth before there can be that depth of conviction which leads to unswerving loyalty to Christ and His Church. It is obviously true that you must be regular at divine services if the lapsed members are to be influenced and your invitation to the unsaved is to have compelling power.

Certainly the Brotherhood needs power, it needs life, especially now when men and women are stumbling hopelessly through a world whose foundations of yesterday are crumbling and falling in ruins. That power and strength will be given us as individuals and as an organization only insofar as we obey the will of Christ expressed in the objectives of the Brotherhood. Enthusiastic self-confidence and power are the blessing bestowed only upon those who do what is expected of them.

1941 DUES AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

We are gratified by the response to our membership dues appeal. In the month ending October 20th, we received thirty-two dues payments as compared with fifteen payments during the same period last year. It is of special interest to note that payments for 1940,—1941 and also an advance payment for 1942 were received in October. We extend our sincere thanks to all of the men's organizations who have remitted their dues as per list herewith.

U. L. C. A. MEMBERSHIP DUES
September 21 to October 20, 1941

1940 Dues—Renewals

Immanuel Lutheran Brotherhood, Norwood, Pa.	$ 6.00
Grace Lutheran Brotherhood, Camden, N. J.	5.00

1941 Dues—Renewals

St. Matthew's Lutheran Brotherhood, Charleston, S. C.	7.50
St. Mark's Lutheran Brotherhood, Conshohocken, Pa.	7.50
First Lutheran Brotherhood, Annville, Pa.	5.00
St. Matthew's Lutheran Brotherhood, Lebanon, Pa.	3.00
Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Harrisburg, Pa.	5.00
St. Paul's Lutheran Brotherhood, Lititz, Pa.	12.50
Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.	7.50
Upper Dublin Lutheran Brotherhood, Ambler, Pa.	7.50
Unity Lutheran Brotherhood, Milwaukee, Wis.	7.50
St. Matthew's Lutheran Brotherhood, Kitchener, Ont., Canada	10.00
Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Connellsville, Pa.	12.50
St. Matthew's Lutheran Brotherhood, York, Pa.	10.00
St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood, Zanesville, Ohio	7.50
First English Lutheran Brotherhood, Schenectady, N. Y.	5.00
Grace Lutheran Brotherhood, Thomasville, N. C.	5.00
Concordia Lutheran Brotherhood, Manchester, Conn.	5.00
Calvary Lutheran Brotherhood, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
Grace Lutheran Brotherhood, Camden, N. J.	5.00
Zion Lutheran Brotherhood, Harrisburg, Pa.	7.50
Salem Lutheran Brotherhood, Bethlehem, Pa.	7.50
St. Paul's Lutheran Brotherhood, Indianfield, Pa.	5.00
Grace Lutheran Brotherhood, Shamokin, Pa.	5.00
St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood, Catawissa, Pa.	5.00
Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Pottsville, Pa.	7.50
Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Colebrook, Pa.	3.00
St. Paul's Lutheran Brotherhood, Allentown, Pa.	10.00

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Salem Lutheran Brotherhood, Killingers, Pa.	3.00
St. Paul's Lutheran Brotherhood, Harney, Md.	7.50
Olivet Lutheran Brotherhood, Detroit, Mich.	5.00

1942 Dues—Renewal

St. John's, A. M. Markham Men's Brotherhood Bible Class, Columbia, Pa.	5.00

DUES FROM SYNODICAL BROTHERHOODS

Canada Synodical Brotherhood	7.00
Michigan Synodical Brotherhood	.50
Ministerium of Pennsylvania Synodical Brotherhood	3.60

Our congratulations go to the A. M. Markham men's Brotherhood Bible class of St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia, Pa., for its loyalty in sending us a 1942 dues payment. This is the first Brotherhood in the U.L.C.A. to receive a handsome brown and gold 1942 dues seal for their charter.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ANNIVERSARY OFFERINGS

Our acknowledgement of special gifts includes six individual members and three Brotherhood organizations. We have always looked forward to the time when our Brotherhoods would join with the individual members in remembering the work of the national Brotherhood with special contributions.

The St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood, Sterling, Ill. and Mr. John H. Boyer, Bethlehem, Pa., have the honor of being the first Brotherhood and individual member to send us a twenty-third anniversary offering this year.

To each of the following contributors listed below we return a sincere *"Thank You"* for your gifts. They will help promote our Brotherhood program in all the synods.

CONTRIBUTIONS
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1941 Budget

Mr. I. A. Horne, Lafayette Hill, Pa.	$ 2.00
Rev. Fred Kern, Austin, Texas	5.00
Mr. O. Roy Frankenfield, Philadelphia, Pa.	12.50
Memorial Lutheran Brotherhood, Harrisburg, Pa.	5.00

Special

East Pennsylvania Conference Brotherhood	7.50

Personal

Mr. H. D. Foster, Philadelphia, Pa.	4.00

Anniversary Offering

St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood, Sterling, Ill.	10.00
Mr. John H. Boyer, Bethlehem, Pa.	1.00

LOUISVILLE CONVENTION NOTES

The administrative committee of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood, at a meeting held at Telford, Pa., on October 11th, 1941, unanimously voted to accept the invitation of Pastor Belles and the church council of the Memorial Lutheran Church, Louisville, Ky., to hold the opening convention service in that church on Sunday evening, October 11th, 1942.

Mr. Lawrence F. Speckman, Esq., first vice-president of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood has been named as the chairman of the Louisville convention committee. The remaining members of the committee are Messrs. Frank H. Richterkessing, Charles Lamar and Albert Schneiter. This committee will appoint the sub-committees and assign the responsibilities in connection with the thirteenth biennial convention of the Brotherhood.

"CHRISTIAN TASKS FOR BROTHERHOOD MEN"

This will be the theme for the 1942 topics to be presented in LUTHERAN MEN beginning with the January issue. A preview of the 1942 topics was carried last month.

In this series, "Christian Tasks For Brotherhood Men," we will bring to our members a suggested program that will help them to have a part in promoting the work of the whole Church, and deepen their Christian loyalties in the light of God's love for redeeming our sinful world.

THE TEACHER'S WARRANT

BY ELIZABETH BREWSTER

How can I guide these youthful, eager feet,
When mine so oft have wandered from Thy way?
How can I dare Thy wondrous truth repeat
With lips so stained by sin, from day to day?
Yet, Lord, I heard Thy loving voice say, "Come."
And, having heard, how can I choose but tell
Of Him Whose tender heart holds ample room
For me, and for these ones I love so well?
I have no wisdom. Thine is all complete,
And Thou dost bid the needy come to Thee.
I come, and bring these dear ones to Thy feet.
Receive and bless them, Lord. Teach them and me!

LUTHERAN MEN AT WORK

By Rev. Henry W. Snyder, Jr.

● **"The Essentials of Lutheranism"** was the subject of an address by President F. H. Knubel at the nineteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Brotherhood, held in St. James Church, Concord, N.C., November 18. National officers of the Brotherhood, young people from the Luther League, and members of the Women's Missionary Society were all represented at the convention and were given an opportunity to speak. H. C. Boger is the Brotherhood president of the host church.

● **Prayer meetings in many Lutheran homes** of Atlanta, Georgia, were organized recently and conducted by former Brotherhood presidents of Redeemer Church. The Brotherhood of Redeemer, a charter member of the national Brotherhood has met weekly for almost twenty-four years. Redeemer Church observed Brotherhood Sunday jointly with the men of Messiah Church, Atlanta, when Dr. John L. Yost spoke on "Priority Rights of the Kingdom."

● **Officers of Holy Trinity Brotherhood,** Mt. Pleasant, N. Carolina, for 1941-42 are George F. Hahn, president; Max Dry, vice-president; Roy Webster, secretary; and M. R. McLeod, treasurer. At a recent meeting $90 was raised for the Loan and Gift Fund. Though this church has but fifty-two men in its membership, its Brotherhood is one of the leading Lutheran groups in the state.

● **Brotherhood evening** was observed October 19 in Zion Church, Hummelstown, Pa., with Martin L. Deimler presiding. A Brotherhood inquiry, "What Seek Ye?" was the feature of the program.

● **Atonement Brotherhood, Washington, D.C.,** has named a special committee to supervise the carrying through of each of the six Brotherhood objectives. The work of these committees is distinct from any of the business or social responsibilities of the group.

● **A father and son dinner** of the Christ Church Brotherhood, York, Pa., November 6, provided an occasion for moving pictures and a talk on the work of the Pennsylvania State Police. Each month the army and navy committee of this Brotherhood contacts the twenty-five boys from the congregation who are in the service. In August the boys received copies of the Lutheran Service Men's Manual. In September the committee sent each of them a pocket flashlight. Walter A. Sweitzer, George Meisenbach, and William M. Greiman are the members of the committee.

● **An active addition to the Michigan Brotherhood** is the men's group of Olivet Church, Detroit, whose members recently affiliated themselves with the synodical and national organizations.

● **The men of Christ Church, Rochester, N.Y.,** have subscribed $100 to each of two colleges within their synod—Hartwick at Oneonta and Wagner at Staten Island. This amount will be over and above their own congregational subscription for the support of these two institutions.

● **Rev. James Oosterling, D.D.,** superintendent of the Baltimore Inner Mission, spoke at the fall convention of the New York Western Conference Brotherhood in St. John's Church, Buffalo, Saturday, October 25.

● **The Brotherhood of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania** held its twentieth annual convention Wednesday, November 19, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Quakertown, Pa. Delegates heard three fine addresses: "Our Responsibility to Men in Service" by Major Frederick C. Frommhagen, chief chaplain's office, U.S. Army; "John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg", by Rev. John W. Richards, D.D.; and "Our Spiritual Defense" by Rev. Paul P. Huyett. George A. Eichler, Northampton, Pa., presided at the convention.

● **At Parkersburg, W.Va.,** the men of the First Church Brotherhood take time out at every monthly meeting to write individual letters to the boys in service.

● **St. Paul's Church, Red Hill, Pa.,** observed Brotherhood Sunday with an evening service. Among the speakers were Earle W. Bader, national executive secretary; Christian Huber, Sr., president of the Norristown Conference Brotherhood; and Kenneth R. Kunsman.

● **Carl M. Distler, Esq., of Baltimore,** was the speaker at the annual meeting of the Danville Conference Brotherhood, October 20, in Selinsgrove, Pa. The newly elected officers of this group are I. Donald Bennett, president; H. Roy Smeltz, George Cromis, and S. William Ott, vice presidents; Roy Ferster, secretary; and Mark I. Sultzbauch, treasurer. 350 men registered at the convention.

● **The New England Conference Brotherhood** met in Concordia Church, Manchester, Conn., Sunday, October 26. Each Brotherhood in the conference is pledged to obtain a subscription to Lutheran Men for every member in good standing. The conference decided to send Lutheran Men to all boys in service. Officers of the conference Brotherhood are L. A. Proch, president; H. J. Fishbeck, vice-president; E. F. Schubert, secretary; and E. W. Schrader, treasurer.

● **Brotherhood Sunday in Trinity Church, Norristown** was observed with a special sermon by Dr. Paul L. Yount, pastor. Each of the 300 men of the church received a special invitation to attend this service.

● **Monthly congregational socials** are sponsored by the Brotherhood of Grace Church, Harlingen, Texas. The men of Trinity Church, Victoria, have done a great deal in their church for the social life of the congregation. And they have given Trinity Church a time clock to operate the lighting of the bulletin board.

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Not having a house for a "house-warming" the congregation of Luther Memorial, Springfield, Ill., held a "lot-warming." They do have a lot, well located and a fast growing congregation, too. Field-missionary Walter H. Moeller, of the American Board of Missions is in personal charge of the mission.

● **W. H. Clapie was elected president of the Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood** at its meeting this fall in New Brighton, Pa. Other officers are Frank I. Bossart, vice-president; Weldon P. West, secretary; E. D. Moyer, statistical secretary; Frank J. Vollmer, treasurer; and John Harmon, member of the executive committee.

● **Lutheran men of Washington, D.C.,** at the instigation of the Lutheran Crusaders of America, tendered a testimonial dinner to Dr. Walter A. Maier, nationally known Lutheran radio preacher, November 5, in Washington. Among the speakers was Dr. Ralph H. Long, executive director of the National Lutheran Council. The banquet was attended by members of every Lutheran synodical body with a church in the national capital.

● **Prominent Lutheran speakers** played an important part in a "spiritual defense parade" of 80,000 Protestants in Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday afternoon, October 18. Dr. Ross H. Stover, pastor of Messiah Church, led the parade as its chief marshall. At the conclusion of the march, a mass meeting was held at the Art Museum plaza, with an address by Dr. A. R. Wentz, president of the Gettysburg Seminary.

● **Men of First Church, Ridgway, Pa.,** have undertaken thirteen constructive goals for the celebration of the congregation's seventieth anniversary, April 14, 1942. Additions to the spiritual life of the church are part of the goal.

● **Members of the active Brotherhood of Temple Church, Brookline, Pa.,** helped to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their well established congregation last October. Dr. William C. Ney is the popular pastor.

● **William F. Kedde, president of the Nebraska Synod Brotherhood,** has organized many inter-synodical Brotherhood rallies in the middle West. He presided at a rally of the men of the Danish and Norwegian churches, held in Pella Church, Omaha, November 12. He directed a seminar of Brotherhoods from the United Lutheran, American Lutheran, and Augustana Lutheran churches in Omaha, October 16 and 17.

Merry Christmas, Brothers!

THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT

By Lillian Cox

"The soft light from a stable door,
Lies on the midnight lands.
The wise-men's star burns evermore,
Over all desert sands.

"Unto all peoples of the earth
A little child brought light,
And never in the darkest place,
Can it be utter night.

"No flickering torch, no wavering fire,
But Light—the Life of men,
Whatever clouds may veil the skies
Never is night again."

THE PARSON'S PRAYER

By Bishop Ralph S. Cushman

"I do not ask
That crowds may throng the temple,
That standing room be priced:
I only ask that as I voice the message,
They may see Christ

"I do not ask
For churchly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone may buy:
I only pray that as I voice the message,
He may be nigh.

"I do not ask
That men may sound my praises,
Or headlines spread my name abroad:
I only ask that as I voice the message,
Hearts may find God."

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REPORTED BY SECRETARY REINARTZ

Take one hundred and fifty men, put them in a shelter house in the middle of a beautiful park, let them sing and hear singing. Place before them an inspirational speaker with a Christian message that comes from the bottom of his heart and delivered with all the energy he has in him. Then serve them a real man's lunch. All this adds up to a splendid evening for Lutheran Christian men.

That is exactly what happened on Monday evening, September 22, in Columbus, Ohio's capital city. The occasion was one of the services held in connection with the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Hilltop Lutheran Church. Among the one hundred and fifty men present were pastors and laymen from sister United Lutheran churches in Columbus, from Lutheran churches, American and Missouri Synod and a sprinkling of men from other Protestant denominations in the city.

The men sang together some of the splendid hymns of our Church and were entertained by the singing of a men's quartet from First Lutheran Church of Columbus, under the direction of Robert Rookstool. The Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, promotional secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, was the speaker of the evening.

The committee from Hilltop's aggressive Brotherhood, hosts of the evening, saw to it that plenty of good food was available. Every man in the park was made welcome. Pastors and laymen alike have pressed the suggestion upon one another that more such gatherings of Lutheran men should be encouraged.

The services in the 25th anniversary celebration of Hilltop Lutheran Church include a sermon by a former pastor, Rev. C. A. Baughman on August 4th; the anniversary communion services held on Sunday, October 5th; a sermon by Dr. A. J. Holl of Pittsburgh, Penna., who started Hilltop twenty-five years ago, a sermon by the Rev. William Leubin, Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 12th; a congregational banquet on October 10th which was addressed by Dr. R. E. Tulloss, president of Wittenberg College; and the burning of both mortgages which were recently paid off by the members of the congregation. The sermon on this occasion was delivered by the Rev. George Miley, D. D. president of the Synod of Ohio.

The Rev. C. P. Mitchell is the present pastor of Hilltop Lutheran Church. Mr. Leonard Echols is the general chairman of the 25th anniversary celebration.

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DID YOU HOLD A "BROTHERHOOD SUNDAY" SERVICE?

It is too early (October 29th) to give an estimate of the number of Brotherhood Sunday services that were held, but from the meagre reports that have reached Brotherhood headquarters, we feel safe in stating that this year's celebration of Brotherhood Sunday has undoubtedly been widely observed.

If your Church did not find it possible to hold a Brotherhood Sunday service at the time specified, may we suggest that an inspirational service for your laymen be arranged to suit your convenience.

A packet containing a suggested Brotherhood Sunday program will be mailed free of charge. We have on hand a quantity of the Litany of Thanksgiving, also the Brotherhood Hymn and Song which we will be pleased to send upon order, to help make your Brotherhood Sunday service a success.

Although many Brotherhoods and individuals have forwarded a twenty-third anniversary offering, we feel this number does not adequately represent the gratitude evidenced by our many thousands of Brotherhood members, for the blessings and benefits which have accrued to them during the past year. We therefore urge your men's organization to prayerfully count its blessings and give a twenty-third anniversary offering for the work of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood which will be used to supply material and services to help organize additional Brotherhoods.

Your twenty-third anniversary offering will be an evidence of your loyalty and devotion to the cause of building a bigger and better Brotherhood to serve the Lutheran Church of tomorrow.

Kindly forward your check to Mr. Earle W. Bader, Executive Secretary, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa., indicating that it is to be credited as your twenty-third anniversary offering. A receipt will be mailed and acknowledgement given in an early issue of LUTHERAN MEN.

HILLTOP BROTHERHOOD

First row: L. Echols; A. C. Keidel; G. Blesch Sr., Secy.; C. P. Maus, Vice-Pres.; C. Pfaltzgraf, Pres.; J. C. Rohr, Treas.; N. A. Thatcher; E. Weisert; H. E. Geshwilm. Second row: H. L. Pfaltzgraf; Wm. A. Stokes; H. E. McCurdy; R. Case; R. F. Fletcher; W. A. Walkemeyer; W. H. Halsteine; Jack Keidel; J. Hallsteine; B. H. Miller; W. B. Dilsavor; H. Conrad. Third row: A. L. Kolesar; C. Welsh; B. L. Emrich; F. D. Linton; E. Struble; J. Welch; F. Bayer; W. H. Eddy; G. J. Weidman; H. Steward.

Christian Stewardship

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DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR!

If someone were to suggest to you that you make your free-will-offerings for current expenses and benevolences on a fifty-fifty basis, that is, match every dollar for current expenses with a dollar for benevolences, what would be your reaction?

If someone were to suggest to you that your *congregation* do the same, what would be your reaction?

Did you ever know anybody, or any congregation, that measured up to that ideal—*as much for others as for ourselves?*

Well, there are such church members, and there are such congregations. They are the exceptions, it is true, but what glorious, what inspiring exceptions!

Read About One Such Exception

It involves a pastor and a congregation in Baltimore, Maryland. The pastor is the Rev. Robert D. Clare, D. D., and the congregation is St. Mark's, located at St. Paul and 20th Strets. St. Mark's celebrated its 81st anniversary on October 21st, 1941. Dr. Clare has been its pastor since January 15th, 1918, that is, during the past 23 years. These facts are given, so anyone who may be inclined to question what follows can investigate for himself.

It was my privilege to address a group of 150 of the faithful at St. Mark's recently following a delicious turkey dinner. The dinner is mentioned so I may drive home fact No. 1. It is that at St. Mark's there are no dinners, suppers, bazaars, rummage sales, or commercialized games of any kind, for the purpose of financing the congregational budget. There are social activities, but their purpose is to develop the social life of the congregation, along with the educational and spiritual, not to "make money."

Background Facts

One of my prized possessions, in the way of church bulletins, is a copy of St. Mark's bulletin for October 19th, 1930, which carries among other information "A Seventieth Anniversary Retrospect."

From this bulletin and with our knowledge of the congregation to the present date, we offer the following observations:

1. St. Mark's was organized October 23rd, 1860 with a charter membership of 113.
2. The present church building was dedicated November 6th, 1898.
3. During the 81 years of its history, that is to 1941, there have been five pastors who have served five, sixteen, twelve, twenty-three and twenty-three years respectively. Dr. Clare's pastorate continues and therefore is the longest.
4. From the year when official records of current expenses and benevolences are available (1865) *St. Mark's has always been a benevolence-minded congregation!*
5. The present membership, according to this year's Synodical Minutes: Baptized, 1574; Confirmed, 1155; Communing, 675. All of which shows that when a congregation is benevolence-minded it is a *growing* congregation.

Spiritually Thrilling Figures

But what led me to preserve this particular bulletin for more than a decade was (and is) the statistical summary showing that for the first twelve years of Dr. Clare's pastorate at St. Mark's (1918-1930) the free-will-offerings for the regular current expenses totaled $185,781, and for benevolences $204,926, that is, $19,145 *more* for benevolences than for current expenses! Stated in percentages, St. Mark's over that 12-year period contributed 52.4% for benevolences and 47.6% for current expenses! Better read those figures and percentages over again. You may not have gotten their full meaning with a first reading.

During the same period there were unusual expenses totaling $43,817, which ran the total current expense item to $229,598. So, the total for benevolence was less than $25,000 below the grand total for all regular and unusual current expenses!

Where does *your* congregation stand on this whole question of benevolence? Where do *you* stand, as an individual member of your congregation? (Have you read Matthew 22:36-40 recently?)

St. Mark's continues to meet its benevolence obligations in full or in excess year by year. It continues to support a missionary to foreign lands, Rev. Isaac Cannady, D.D. It continues to be *"A Church with a Vision and a Program."* By the way, that's a pretty good church motto, isn't it? Visions and programs must be inseparably interwoven if they are to amount to anything worth while.

What Does It All Prove?

To me it proves that when a congregation plays fair with God He will bless that congregation. And the same goes for the individual church member. *"I will bless thee . . . . and thou shalt be a blessing," said God to Abraham* forty centuries ago. If I read those words correctly God's blessing is predicated on man's being a blessing. So, from century to century, it is a *divine* law that *receiving a blessing* implies *giving a blessing.* St. Mark's from the beginning has majored on being on the giving and rather than the receiving end. Under Doctor Clare's inspiring spiritual leadership for almost a quarter of a century its Christian horizons have been broadened, its witnessing for Christ greatly extended, and its recognition of *the stewardship of substance* has been reflected in a most revealing way in its free-will-offerings for benevolences, as shown by the figures quoted elsewhere on this page. God has richly blessed St. Mark's because St. Mark's has been a blessing.

St. Mark's history also proves the truth of the position taken by our Laymen's Movement since its organization in Sunbury, Penna., in 1907 under the leadership of Mr. J. L. Clark, Ashland, Ohio, who is still its president, namely; that *benevolences are to the spiritual life of the congregation what pure air is to the physical life of its members.* The best investment any congregation ever makes—spiritually, educationally, socially, and financially—is its investment in benevolences! *"He who loses his life for My sake, and the Gospel's, shall find it."*

Lutheran Men In Bible Study Classes

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THE MEN'S CLASS—ITS INFLUENCE IN THE SCHOOL

By Rev. Albert W. Steinfurth, D.D.

Dr. Steinfurth is pastor of the large and influential Calvary Church of Wilkinburg, Pa., a leader in the Pittsburgh Synod and a constructive worker with men. This article deserves a careful reading by men who can take it. The writer does not evade the issue.

Who can question the value of the men's class in a Sunday school? Recently one said: "We are trying to organize a men's Bible class; we believe it will mean much toward increasing the attendance of young people in our school and church." That school has been on the decline for many years and the young people have little church consciousness. No wonder!

1. A strong men's class is definitely needed in each school. It completes the whole organization of the group of children and adults at Bible study. Men need this contact with the Word of God for themselves. When has it been more imperative for men to search the Bible for light and guidance as they confront the modern problems of industry, business, government, and world affairs? Only Bible men are big enough and good enough for such times as these. Only Bible-informed men are truly qualified as officers and leaders in the Church of Christ.

During a discussion on foreign missions, opinions were divided because those opposing it knew not the Bible. Finally, one man who has attended his Bible class for many years capped the discussion and silenced it by saying: "Men, the Bible is meant to be believed and lived, not denied and debated." But how can men live the Bible if they are unfamiliar with it?

2. Men need to build up the strongest men's Bible class possible because of the influence they exert among others, especially the young. One of the greatest problems confronting the average Sunday school is the departure of the young when they reach the later teens and early twenties. It is then that young people assert their right to be like adults, too often to the stunting of their own souls and loss to Christ through disregarding their confirmation vows. How hold them for Christ and the Church! Our observation is that where the fathers and elders whom they emulate are faithfully found in the church school, the young people will remain faithful. How serious this is! Young people will not fulfill their religious responsibilities where the adults do not!

Said a college student to her mother in a certain Sunday school: "Why must I attend? Father doesn't come." If men want their children to be stalwart characters, thoroughly equipped to meet life's problems without nervous bewilderment, ethically and socially and spiritually minded, let them not be the rocks to cause their stumbling for lack of life's true meaning.

3. Men need to build up the strongest men's Bible class in the Sunday school they possibly can, not only for the stability and strengthening of the whole school, but in order that they might also be living forces for carrying on the whole work of the whole Church. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Col. 3:16) It is not enough then to hear the Word of God taught in the class, but it must issue in right living, in right counsel, in joyful worship. The purpose of any class in any church school is to train for worship and true Christian discipleship. Wherever men are not genuinely growing in Bible knowledge, and wherever the Bible knowledge gained does not create the desire within the soul to worship joyfully, the worship services of the Church are also treated lightly and even neglected entirely. The Sunday school has been unjustly condemned by certain preachers and adults who declare it has become a substitute for the Church and worship services. Wherever that is the case, the fault lies deeper.

There are some Sunday school classes, some men's classes in particular, which are nothing more than ethically social groups, ends in themselves. There are men's classes which have budgets and programs which are detrimental competitors of the church worship services, but fortunately they are exceptions and not general. There are those who attend Sunday school and then walk out, brushing past those who are coming to worship, as though they have already "been to church" whereas they have only been in the training-place that should fit them for worship. When are they going to be ready to act consistently upon their training, carry their share of the whole program of the Church, win new souls for Christ and the Church?

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
You will find the Christian soldier
Represented by his wife."

So wrote George Henry Hubbard. But look at those words again! There is no truth in them! Each man must bear his own responsibility, accept his own God-given opportunity; or he is a failure as a man, a father, a Christian. No man can transfer or delegate to another his own duty, his own influence, his own soul-enrichment that comes through letting "the Word of Christ dwell in him richly in all wisdom" and from joyful worship. When the superintendent of a well-known iron foundry was discussing the problems of the firm with a certain foreman, he sarcastically said: "This is not a Sunday school business." The foreman, who for many years was superintendent of one of our Lutheran church schools, replied: "Perhaps it would be better if we had more Sunday school training here." The superintendent was moved by that courageous reply and said: "I think you are right."

The Bible is not for children and women alone, but for real men who have the consecration and the courage to live its precepts. There are those who are dying for Bible truths. Are we willing to learn and live them? There are others who can be most profoundly influenced for Christ's way of life and salvation by earnest Christian men. Are we those witnesses of influence? "When the world is at its worst, the Church should be at its best." True! Men, build up your men's Bible classes, and help the Church be her best! Remember, the first Christian disciples were men. Christ was their Teacher. Is He yours also?

The Topic For The Month

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PROMOTING VISUAL EDUCATION

AIM: To acquaint members of the Brotherhood with what is meant by "Visual Education", to interest them in promoting this teaching method, and to encourage them to plan to secure such equipment for visual presentations as may be needed in the local congregation.

NOTE: The only kind of meeting that will be acceptable to members of the Brotherhood in the month of December is a Christmas meeting. Scripture lessons, hymns, and prayers, should all be related to this holy season.

At Christmas time many individuals and organizations present gifts to their congregations. A valuable gift for any congregation would be equipment which would enable that connection with its educational program. This fact has suggested our theme for the month. Several possible programs which combine the Christmas theme and the objective of promoting visual education are as follows:

Program I:

1. **Worship** (Cf. below).
2. **Filmslides.** The filmslides indicated below are intended for use in a miniature projector such as the tri-purpose projector. Both the projector and filmslides may be purchased from the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All the filmslides indicated below are Kodachrome slides, rich in coloring, costing fifty cents each. They should be ordered by the number indicated, and amply early to assure delivery. As each slide is projected on the screen someone should tell in his own words the related story. The effectiveness of the service will depend to a large degree upon how well the related story is told.
   a. **The Annunciation**—Ha 14.
   b. **Jesus Our Saviour Born**—Ha 67.
   c. **Shepherds Adore**—Ha 15.
   d. **The Presentation in the Temple**—Ha 16.
   e. **Kings Adore**—Ha 17.
   f. **Flight Into Egypt**—Ha 18.
3. **A brief discussion of projectors.** (Cf. facts below under "Visual Education.")
4. **Trimming the Christmas tree.** A novel addition to the meeting would be to have a very small untrimmed Christmas tree standing on a table, and at this point in the meeting to invite members of the Brotherhood to place their voluntary gifts toward the purchase of a projector, in envelopes provided by the program committee and then to hang those envelopes on the Christmas tree. Men who are not prepared to make their gifts immediately might place a slip of paper in the envelope, indicating on the slip the amount they intend to give and the date when the gift will be made. Thus the congregation would be provided with the valuable gift of a projector from the Brotherhood. Before gifts are placed on the tree a statement about the cost of projectors should be made by the committee that was appointed last month to make inquiry from the United Lutheran Publication House concerning costs.
5. **Hymn**—(Cf. below.)
6. **Prayer, including The Lord's Prayer and Benediction.**
7. **Refreshments and fellowship**

Program II:

Similar to Program I except that the appropriate passages of Scripture should be read accompanying each filmslide instead of the story being told by a narrator. The Scripture passages for the various filmslides are as follows:

a. **The Annunciation**—Ha 14—Luke 1:26-35.
b. **Jesus Our Saviour Born**—Ha 67—Luke 2:1-7.
c. **Shepherds Adore**—Ha 15—Luke 2:8-20.
d. **The Presentation in the Temple**—Ha 16—Luke 2:22-40.
e. **Kings Adore**—Ha 17—Matthew 2:1-12.
f. **Flight into Egypt**—Ha 18—Matthew 2:13-15.

Program III:

1. **Worship** (Cf. below).
2. **Motion Picture.** The film "When Jesus Was Born," taken from the "I Am The Way Series" is suitable for use in this connection. It is available in both 16 mm. and 35 mm., silent, from the Harmon Foundation, 140 Nassau Street, New York, N.Y. The showing time is approximately fifteen minutes and the rental charge is $2.25 for 16 mm. and $3.00 for 35 mm. The film begins with scenes of present-day Palestine and then reverts to scenes of Palestine suffering under the rule of Rome, thus indicating the reason why the Jews hoped for a Saviour. Then follow scenes of modern Bethlehem, which has changed little since Jesus' day. Finally the shepherds are shown as they hear the good tidings of the Saviour's birth while watching over their flocks. In a stable Mary and Joseph are shown bending over the baby Jesus as shepherds and Wise Men gather to adore Him.
3. **Brief discussion of projectors.** (Cf. facts below under "Visual Education").
4. **Trimming the Christmas tree.** (Cf. description under Program I, Item 4.)
5. **Closing worship and fellowship.** (Cf. Items 5-7 under Program I.)

Program IV:

1. **Worship.** (Cf. below.)
2. **Discussion of Visual Education,** with special emphasis upon projected pictures (Cf. facts below under "Visual Education").
3. **Trimming the Christmas tree.** (Cf. description under Program I, Item 4).
4. **Closing worship and fellowship.** (Cf. Items 5-7 under Program I.)

NOTE: It is entirely possible to arrange combinations of the above programs to suit the individual needs of local Brotherhoods.

Worship

Hymn, "Hark the Glad Sound",—No. 9 **C.S.B.** or No. 3 **P.S.H.**
Hymn, "Come Hither, Ye Faithful",—No. 21 **C.S.B.** or No. 16 **P.S.H.**
Scripture: John 1:1-14.
Free Prayer.
Hymn, "Silent Night! Holy Night!"—No. 530 **C.S.B.** or No. 20 **P.S.H.**

Visual Education

In discussing visual education sight should not be lost of the fact that there are many visual aids in addition to projected pictures. The most important visual aids which might be used by a congregation are the following:

1. **The school journey,** such as visits to beauty spots of nature, museums, model churches and schools and institutions. By a school journey we simply mean the procedure by which objects or materials may be seen in their natural setting.
2. **Objects, specimens, models.**
3. **The school museum**—a collection of visual aids carefully arranged for inspection and study.
4. **Exhibits.**
5. **Class room experiments and demonstrations,** such as planting seeds and observing their growth.
6. **Sand tables and modeling clay.**
7. **Pictures and photographs.** The three dimension pictures known as stereographs and viewed through a stereoscope have special value.

8. **Graphic materials** such as charts, outlines, illustrations, graphs, drawings and sketches, posters, chalk talks, maps, globes, bulletin boards, blackboards, etc.
9. **Dramatic presentations**, such as pageants, living pictures, shadow plays, and dramas.
10. **Projected pictures**, still and motion, silent and sound.

Projected Pictures

Our present interest centers particularly around projected pictures. What is their value? Does it pay for a congregation to invest money in projectors, both still and motion, silent and sound? In this connection the article by Dr. H. A. McCullough in the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN entitled "Teaching Through Pictures" should be read carefully. Dr. McCullough is no longer a young man in years, but he is young in spirit, and he has turned enthusiastically to this new teaching vehicle, projected pictures. His article is based upon actual experience with a program of projected pictures.

Good teaching is not possible unless there is pupil interest and attention. Every teacher knows that good pictures, dealing with subjects which appeal to pupils, result in pupil interest and attention if the pictures are well presented. Projected pictures have special value because they are presented in a darkened room in which the one spot of light to attract attention is the projected picture. The hushed atmosphere, the riveted attention, the attitude of expectation and interest all bear evidence to the value of projected pictures.

Projected pictures might be classified under the headings of still pictures and motion pictures. There are three types of projectors in common use for still pictures, while motion picture projectors might be discussed under the headings of silent and sound projectors. Each of these five types of projectors has value and all should receive careful consideration before a purchase of any of them is made.

Projectors For Still Pictures

As stated, there are three types of projectors which are used with still pictures. The first is the *opaque* projector or *reflectoscope*. A number of good opaque projectors are available and may be purchased from our own Publication House. These projectors employ a series of mirrors whereby any flat or almost flat object of the right size may be projected on a screen. Most of these projectors are so built that a book may be clamped into place and a page from the book projected on the screen. It should be evident that this type of projector permits the use of an almost limitless amount of material at little or no cost, for it avoids the necessity of having slides made. However, there are also certain disadvantages. The projector is rather expensive; it is large and heavy and cannot readily be transported from one room to another; and because the pictures are projected by means of a series of mirrors it is necessary to have very favorable projection conditions to get satisfactory results. Unless the room is completely dark the picture will not be sharp. Even under favorable conditions projection loses brilliance if the throw is more than fifteen or twenty fet. This type of projector can be used to greatest advantage with small groups in a completely dark room.

The second type of projector used for still pictures is the *stereopticon* projector which employs the well known 3¼" x 4" glass slides. No other projector can surpass this one for brilliance and sharpness of image. However, its disadvantages are that the projector is fairly large and heavy, that its initial cost is rather high, and that glass slides are quite expensive when purchased or made to order. These disadvantages are partially offset by the fact many good slides may be rented at low cost from various sources, and that various libraries of slides are in existence from which slides may be procured at no expense beyond that of shipping expenses both ways.

The third type of projector for still pictures is the *miniature* projector which uses the so-called 2"x2" slides. Some of these projectors also permit the use of films. The advantages in this type of projector are that the initial cost is very low; the projector is light in weight and can readily be transported from room to room; it is small in size and can easily be stored away; the slides or films require little storage space; and an amateur photographer can readily make his own pictures with the use of a candid camera. The disadvantage in this projector is that thus far only a limited number of first-class religious pictures have been made available for use with it, and the materials which are available must be purchased rather than rented. However, the cost of materials is low and it will be to the advantage of a congregation possessing such a projector to build up its own library. The present cost of good Kodachrome slides is fifty cents. Both projectors and slides may be procured from the United Lutheran Publication House.

Projectors For Motion Pictures

Motion picture projectors might be divided into silent and sound, 16 mm. and 35 mm. Most pictures suitable for church use are available in 16 mm. and it would certainly be inadvisable for a congregation which is purchasing a new projector to buy a 35 mm. projector. Not only are new religious films being made on 16 mm. rather than 35 mm., but 35 mm. film is inflammable, and in most states its use requires a fire-proof booth. In many communities labor regulations require licensed union operators for 35 mm. film. The rental cost of this film is higher than for 16 mm. film, and express charges run considerably higher primarily because of the special packing required to insure against fire.

We are so accustomed to motion pictures with sound that the silent picture seems lacking in an essential element. It would therefore be advisable for a congregation which is purchasing a new motion picture projector to spend the additional money necessary to procure a sound projector. Silent films can be used on a sound projector, but films containing a sound track cannot be used on a silent projector. Congregations should be warned especially against buying low priced projectors which are little more than toys. Such projectors not only fail to give satisfactory results but they ruin film. The advice of some reputable dealer should be sought before making a purchase. The United Lutheran Publication House will be pleased to advise congregations concerning desirable projectors.

Values Of Projectors

Projected pictures are not to be thought of merely as a source of entertainment. They do provide entertainment, but that is one of the least valuable uses to be made of this visual aid. Properly used, a projector is a real aid in class teaching and in group discussion; it may be used in connection with worship service; it can be employed in connection with inspirational services; it affords an outlet for creative work as pupils make their own slides or films; and then finally it does provide entertainment.

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TEACHING THROUGH PICTURES

By Rev. H. A. McCullough, D.D.

St. Paul's Church, Columbia, S.C., is a large and influential congregation and the pastor, the writer of this article, has placed the imprint of his vigorous personality upon its program. Note that it is Dr. McCullough, the senior pastor, who supports the visual method of Christian education. No wonder his Church is a live and growing organization. Of course he has a good Brotherhood.

Bishop Vincent once said, "Deliver me from a moving object behind me." From the educational viewpoint that is hardly the place for a picture, still or motion. The motion picture has come to the front. We believe there is a definite place today in schools, colleges, and churches for pictures of a religious nature. Educators are using the eye to aid the understanding by means of illustrations in textbooks, pictures, diagrams, maps, and objects. "See! That's the way it looks." More recently we have come to use pictures projected on a screen, so that an entire class or audience may see the picture at the same time.

Much of the value of motion pictures as teaching aids is in the development of attitudes. "A program of religious education in particular must be measured by its results both as to information and attitudes." Where moral and ethical issues are involved a picture before the eyes is stronger than the spoken word. It has been clearly demonstrated that more factual and emotional information, giving a greater significance and a deeper appreciation of the real meaning, is secured by persons who see the processes of events and at the same time hear the verbal descriptions than by those who receive only oral instruction.

Several months ago our church purchased a Victor Projector for silent and sound pictures. Recently "The Beneficent Reprobate", distributed by the Y.M.C.A., was shown. The picture deals with the effects of alcohol from the scientific and educational angle. This picture was shown to our Brotherhood and to our weekday school. The comments received were both encouraging and significant. We also secured and showed a picture supplied by our Foreign Mission Board. This was a picture of our Japan mission, and was shown before our Women's Missionary Society and the Luther League. Even as these lines are being penned the writer is looking forward to attending the monthly meeting of the Brotherhood, where another picture will be shown. These pictures are presented in our parish building, and our people think them worthwhile.

Good For All Education

After much experimentation the value of motion pictures in secular education has been definitely established. The use of films increases the interest of the pupils in the subject presented. Secular education is generally using and warmly commending motion pictures.

But can films also be used to advantage in the promotion of religious education? Has the motion picture been converted, and is it now attending church? If so, it is a new convert, and the church still speaks rather cautiously and sparingly about it. As yet the experiments are not numerous and not so scientifically attested. Authors and materials in this field are lacking. Facilities and equipment are meager. Church people hesitate to use as Christian art what the secular forum has misused and abused. The Church still clings to the old verse:

"In word as in fashion, the same will hold;
Alike fantastic if too new or old;
Be not the first by whom the new are tried,
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

But why should an educational method work on Monday and fail on Sunday? Is the pupil's mind different on Monday from what it was on Sunday? Are the laws and methods of teaching on Sunday different from Monday? Do pupils learn the Bible by a special pedagogy?

In the *Lutheran News Bulletin*, March 31, 1939, there appeared an interesting article on motion picture values for churches. We quote: "It is self-evident, for instance, that if it be established that motion pictures can help in the teaching and learning of secular history the same must be true for religious history. Developing interest is a primary problem for religious teachers of all age groups, and a lively interest in religion in all its phases is indispensable to an effective church program." The motion picture gets the interest—it gets more than the interest. Emotions and attitudes and imaginations follow, for it vividly presents its subject. Knowledge acquired through pictures is likely to remain longer than knowledge acquired through sound. We continue the quotation: "Not only do children carry away in their minds a vast deal of what they see in pictures, but they remember it for a long time afterwards."

The real value of the motion picture in church work will be found in connection with the church's teaching work. This teaching work is not only the privilege but the responsibility of the church.

The Essentials

There are three essential items in equipment for visual teaching: a good screen or light colored wall, a projector, and the material you wish to project. Usually a screen with a flat white surface is best for an average auditorium. The screen should be sufficiently large so that the pictures may be easily seen from all parts of the room.

Films are available on a rental basis. Though rental charges run fairly high this is the most conomical way of securing valuable pictures. Pastors and other church leaders should be familiar with the sources of supply. They should learn the conditions under which rentals may be made. The booklet, "Visual Methods in the Church Curriculum" costing 35 cents, is a suggestive aid to inquirers. Various distributors of films will be glad to offer suggestions.

Motion pictures intended for church purposes should really be produced by the Church itself, thus assuring the fact that the religious purpose will be uppermost in the pictures. Pictures from commercial companies are very expensive, and are beyond the reach of the average church or school. It is hoped that our institutions and boards may find it possible to produce more pictures of their distinctive work and let the Church use them free or at a minimum cost. It is the best kind of publicity for the agencies, and wholesome education for the Church.

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Many of our Brotherhoods elect their new officers at the December meeting. Sometimes we are not notified of the changes until months later. This not only means wasted labor and postage, but frequently results in lapsed Lutheran Men subscriptions. May we ask that you send us a postal card giving the names and addresses of the newly elected officers in your congregational Brotherhood.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ALL THE WORLD

Project For The January Meeting

In January our topic will be "Saving the World for Christ." This study will deal with present-day world conditions as they affect our mission fields. In preparation for that meeting several members of the Brotherhood might search through our Church's publications and through newspapers and magazines to find items shedding light on this problem. Such items may then be used during the January topic presentation or during the discussion period accompanying the next meeting of the Brotherhood.

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